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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**FACILITY USE LICENSE CONTRACT WITH THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION (FAIRPLEX), POMONA
FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC AUCTION
OF TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTIES
(FIRST DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This recommendation is to approve the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector to conduct an auction for tax-defaulted properties at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona and to instruct the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to execute the facility use agreement for said auction with the Los Angeles County Fair Association.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the facility use license is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Class 1 and Class 23 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Sections 15301 and 15323 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.
2. Approve the facility use license for the Treasurer and Tax Collector for the use of facilities at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds in Pomona on October 18, 19, and 20, 2010, in order to conduct a public auction for the sale of tax-defaulted properties subject to the power of sale.

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3. Instruct the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to execute the facility use license contract and authorize total payment in the amount of \$14,537, which includes a \$1,000 contingency fee to be paid if unanticipated expenses occur for the use of the facility.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to secure a location to enable the Treasurer and Tax Collection (TTC) to conduct tax sales during calendar year 2010. The TTC has submitted a resolution for approval of the tax sale to your Board on June 29, 2010, for the October 2010 tax sale.

Customarily, the TTC conducts tax sales twice a year. The most recent auction was conducted on August 17 and 18, 2009, pursuant to a previous license approved by your Board on November 18, 2008. The Fairgrounds facility is an ideal venue for these auctions because of its location and capacity to accommodate the number of anticipated attendees. Presently, no County facility is capable of accommodating the anticipated 2,000 attendees.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Recovery of delinquent taxes through the sale of tax-defaulted properties is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan goal of Fiscal Responsibility, Goal 4. Additionally, providing this facility for auctions is in compliance with Goal 1 to provide accessible and quality services to the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County will incur a cost of \$14,537 to conduct the public auction at the Fairplex facility. The public auction of tax-defaulted properties will enable the TTC to recover unpaid property taxes, penalties and costs on delinquent real estate parcels.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under Section 3692 of the California & Taxation Code, the TTC is obligated to bring tax defaulted properties to auction within four years of the time that the property becomes subject to sale, and if no acceptable bids are received, the TTC is obligated to re-offer the property for sale at intervals of not more than six years. Upon receiving authorization from your Board on June 29, 2010, to conduct the tax sales, the TTC will proceed with conducting the sales in October 2010. The TTC estimates that approximately 1,200 tax-defaulted properties will be offered for sale to an anticipated group of more than 2,000 attendees.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to Class 1 and Class 23 of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The site selected to conduct these auctions should enhance the sale of the various delinquent properties by providing adequate space to accommodate an anticipated group in excess of 2,000 attendees and related parking.

Respectfully submitted,



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